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After surviving the Wastelands, a future where villains rose up and took over the world, Old Man Logan awoke in the present, determined to prevent the deaths of his wife and children. Even after accepting that the past he remembers is not real, he is still haunted by his lost family.

While in Japan hunting for the mutant villain known as Lady Deathstrike, Logan was lured into a trap and captured by a group of warrior monks known as the Silent Order. This is not the first time Logan has faced the Order, having encountered them long ago in the Wastelands. But this time is different. A young boy, the leader of the Order, saw the future--and his own death with it. Now the Order will do anything to prevent this fate...anything.

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JAPAN.
NOW.

STOP HURTING MY FRIENDS!

WAY I SEE IT, KID, THESE GUYS *AIN'T* YOUR FRIENDS. THEY JUST WANT TO CONTROL YOUR POWER. THEY JUST WANT TO *USE YOU.*

DO NOT LISTEN TO HIM, MASTER! HE SEEKS ONLY TO KILL YOU! YOU KNOW THIS!

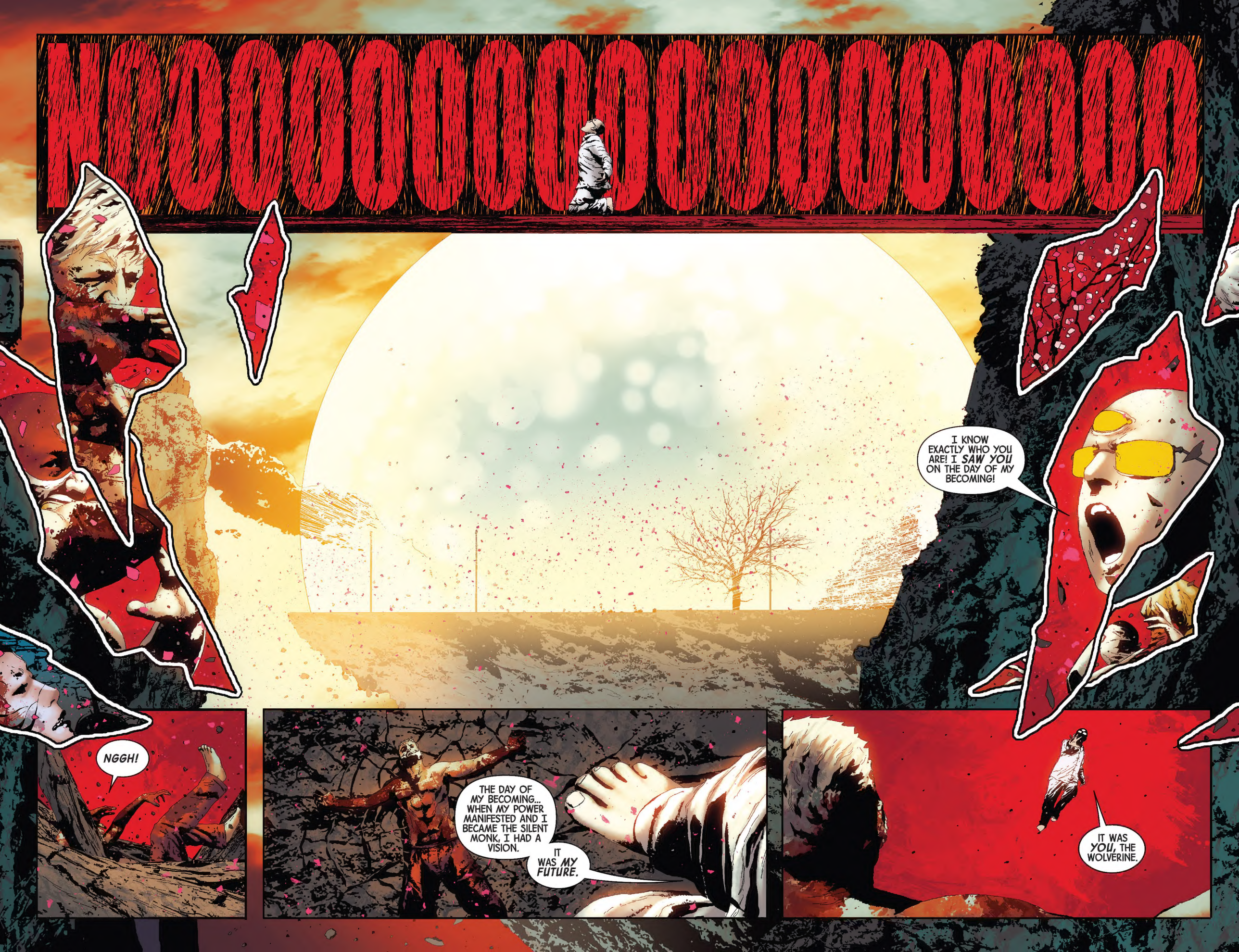
I ONLY WANT TO *HELP YOU.* LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE A TELEKINETIC AND MAYBE A TELEPATH. I KNOW OTHER KIDS *LIKE YOU.*

I--

I CAN TAKE YOU TO THEM. THEY CAN *HELP* YOU.

STOP.

KID, PLEASE--


WOLVERINE
I KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE! I *SAW YOU* ON THE DAY OF MY BECOMING!
NGGH!
THE DAY OF MY BECOMING... WHEN MY POWER MANIFESTED AND I BECAME THE SILENT MONK, I HAD A VISION.
IT WAS *MY FUTURE.*
IT WAS *YOU,* THE WOLVERINE.

YOU WERE *MY FUTURE*... AND *MY END.*

"YOU WILL COME TO JAPAN. YOU WILL *KILL SOHEI.*"

BUT NOT *JUST* SOHEI. ONCE YOU STARTED KILLING THERE WAS NO STOPPING YOU.

"ALL MY FRIENDS *GAVE THEIR LIVES* TO SAVE ME."

UNGH!

BUT NO MATTER WHAT, YOU JUST *KEPT COMING!*

"YOU WERE LIKE A MONSTER... *AN ANIMAL!*"

LIKE ALL OF MY PREDECESSORS, ALL OF THE SILENT MONKS BEFORE ME, STRETCHING BACK THROUGH THE CENTURIES, MY POWERS *WILL FADE WITH AGE.*

"BY THE TIME YOU FIND ME IN THE FUTURE, I AM LITTLE MORE THAN A MIND READER. *DEFENSELESS.*"

"AND THEN YOU WILL *KILL ME.*"

I--I DON'T WANT TO DIE.

LISTEN TO ME, BOY! I *WILL NOT KILL YOU.*

LET ME FINISH HIM, MASTER, AND BE DONE WITH THIS!

DON'T LISTEN TO SOHEI. I WILL NEVER KILL YOU BECAUSE THAT FUTURE, THE ONE YOU SAW, IT IS *NOT* GOING TO HAPPEN. IT ALL CHANGED WHEN I CAME BACK HERE.

WHEN I GOT HERE ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS CHANGE THAT FUTURE. I WOULDA KILLED ANYONE AND DONE *ANYTHING* TO DO IT. BUT NOW I KNOW THAT IT'S ALL FOR NOTHING. IT'S NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN.

MY FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN, KID, AND SO IS *YOURS.*

LIAR!!!

FWOOSH!!

ALL RIGHT, KID, I TRIED TO PLAY MR. NICE GUY...

SNIKT

...BUT I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH!

STAND BACK, MASTER.

NO!

I'M TIRED OF YOU TELLING ME WHAT TO DO, SOHEI! YOU WILL FAIL ME. YOU WILL ALL FAIL ME!

UNGH!

I'LL DO IT MYSELF!

GRRNG!

DESPITE MY OWN PREDICAMENT, I CAN'T SAY I'M NOT *ENJOYING THIS*, LOGAN.

ZIP IT, YURIKO.

IT'S YOUR DAMN FAULT WE'RE HERE IN THE *FIRST* PLACE!

MINE?!

YOU THINK I WANTED TO--

AH, @#%$.

STOP THIS! YOU CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING! YOU CAN MAKE YOUR ***OWN FUTURE***. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!

QUIET!

--UNGH.

WHY WON'T YOU *DIE?!*

I'VE ASKED MYSELF THAT MANY TIMES.

REAL NICE, YURIKO.

YOU MAY BE STRONG, BUT *SO AM I.*

...AND I'M JUST *GETTING STARTED.*

THE WELL FEELS DEEPER EACH TIME HE DROPS ME. THE FALL SEEMS FARTHER.

BUT I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FALL.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE DARKNESS.

TO FALL ***SO DEEP*** THAT ALL CONTROL IS GONE. TO MOVE ***BEYOND*** PAIN AND BEYOND ALL CONTROL.

THE KID IS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING. WHEN YOU FALL THAT FAR, WHEN YOU LOSE ALL CONTROL AND GOT NOTHING LEFT TO GRAB ONTO...

STORM

...ALL THAT'S LEFT IS *AN ANIMAL.*

JAPAN. THEN.

L-LOGAN?

MAUREEN, I--

I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU.

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.

YOU *DID* HAVE A CHOICE! THAT MAN--HE WAS *DEFENSELESS.*

HE WAS THE ***WARLORD*** OF THIS PLACE. LOOK AT THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE!

THEY'RE ***SLAVES***, MAUREEN. DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE TO US? TO YOU?

I KNOW. I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S JUST--I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LIKE THAT. YOU WERE--

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO EVER SEE THAT PART OF ME. THAT'S WHY I NEVER WANTED TO TELL YOU WHO I WAS. ***WHAT*** I WAS.

IT'S OVER NOW. YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO SEE THAT AGAIN. I SWEAR IT, MAUREEN.

LET'S JUST-- LET'S JUST GO. THERE WILL BE MORE OF THEM. I JUST WANT TO LEAVE, LOGAN.

I JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE. GO BACK ***HOME.***

MAUREEN WAIT!

MAUREEN, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT I WOULD NEVER HURT YOU. ***NEVER.***

THIS WAS THE LAST TIME. I'LL NEVER BE THAT-- THAT ***THING*** AGAIN. IT'S JUST ***YOU AND ME*** NOW.

THE FALLING ITSELF FEELS GOOD. FEELS *FREE.*

THAT'S JUST IT, LOGAN. IT'S NOT JUST YOU AND ME. NOT ANYMORE.

IT AIN'T THE FALLING THAT HURTS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MAUREEN?

I MEAN, I'M *PREGNANT*, LOGAN.

WHAT HURTS IS HITTING THE BOTTOM.

GROUND

AND IT'S FUNNY WHAT YOUR MIND DOES WHEN THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO FALL...WHEN THE PAIN BECOMES *TOO MUCH* TO EVEN PROCESS ANYMORE.

IT SHUTS DOWN. IT GOES TO OTHER PLACES. TO OTHER TIMES.

THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF TIMES I WISHED I COULD JUST DIE.

NOT BECAUSE I WANTED IT TO END, BUT BECAUSE I WAS *SCARED* OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THOSE *AROUND ME* IF I KEPT ON LIVING.

ONE OF THESE DAYS, I GUESS IT WILL FINALLY END. AND ALL THE MEMORIES. ALL THE PAIN. ALL OF IT WILL UNRAVEL ONE LAST TIME.

ONE OF THESE DAYS...

BUT NOT TODAY.

ENOUGH!!!

AHH!

N-NO!

MASTER!

MASTER-- WHAT--WHAT HAVE THEY DONE?!

OKAY, BUB... PLAYTIME'S OVER.

TO BE CONCLUDED!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT*? DON'T MISS:

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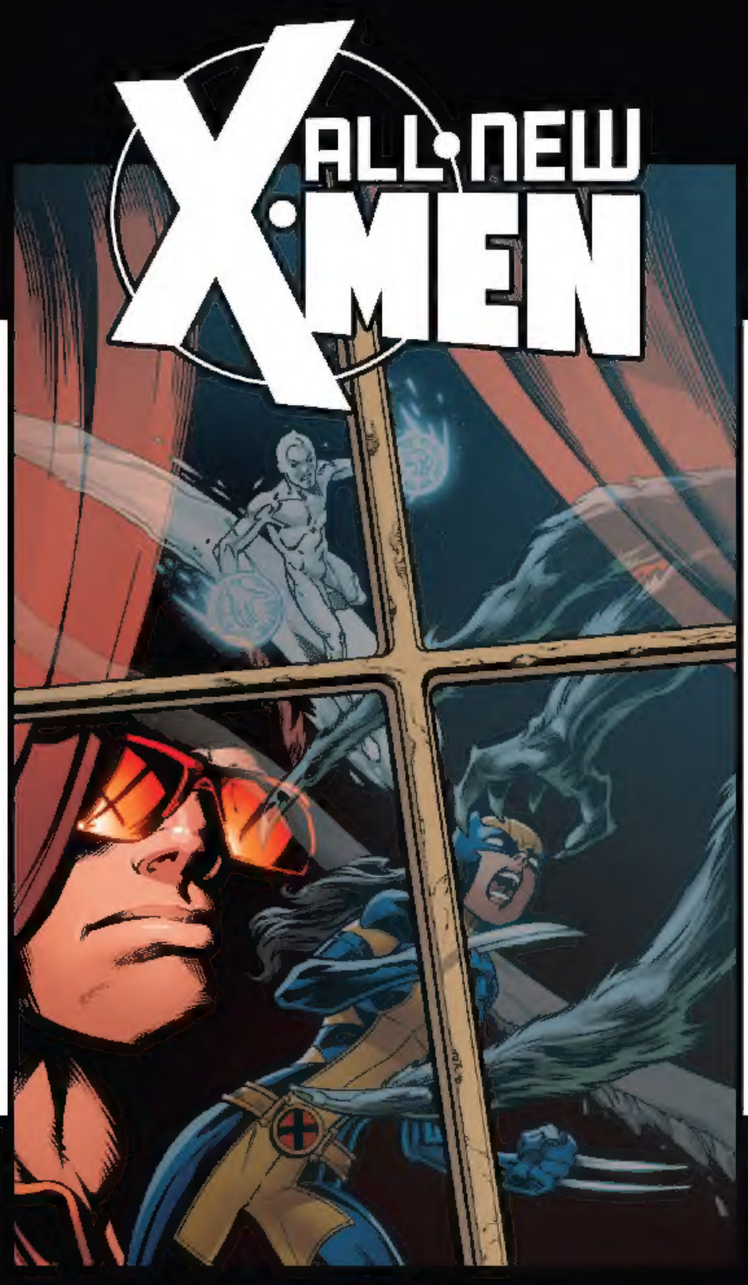

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